

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

(11 & 12 Vict. Cap. 63.)

REPORT

TO THE

GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH

UPON AN

INQUIRY

AS TO ALTERATION AND
AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL ORDER

FOR THE DISTRICT OF

BISHOP AUCKLAND,

IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

By WILLIAM RANGER, Esq., C.E.

SUPERINTENDING INSPECTOR.



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NOTIFICATION.

THE General Board of Health hereby give notice, in terms of section 9 of the Public Health Act, that on or before the 20th day of March, being a period of not less than one month from the date of the publication and deposit hereof, written statements may be forwarded to the Board with respect to any matter contained in or omitted from the accompanying Report, upon an Inquiry as to Alteration and Amendment of the Provisional Order for the District of BISHOP AUCKLAND, in the County of Durham ; or with respect to any amendment to be proposed therein.

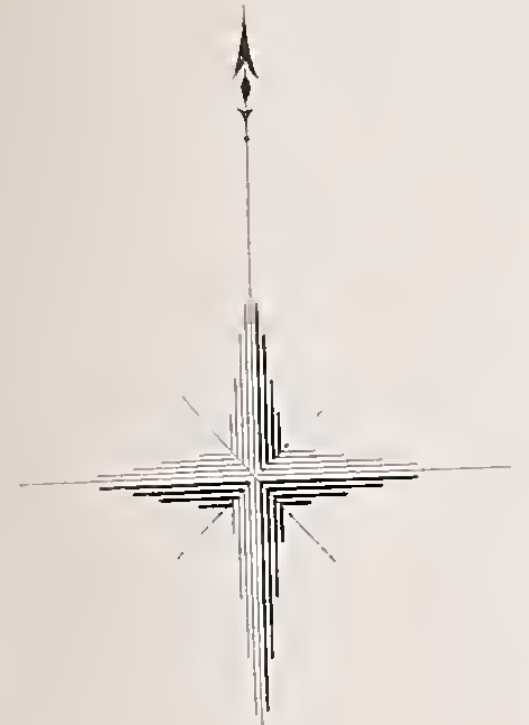
By order of the Board,

T. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*


Whitehall, 9th February 1856.

MAP SHEWING THE BOUNDARY OF
THE PROPOSED DISTRICT OF
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1848.





Note. *The Boundary of the Proposed District is shewn thus* 

To Saint Andrew Auckland

Scale 8 Chains to 1 Inch.





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*Report to the Right Honourable William Cowper, M.P.,
President of the General Board of Health, upon an
Inquiry as to Alteration and Amendment of the Pro-
visional Order for the District of BISHOP AUCKLAND,
in the County of Durham.* By WILLIAM RANGER, C. E.,
Superintending Inspector.

BISHOP
AUCKLAND.

SIR,

Whitehall, 12th Jan. 1856.

ON the 18th day of December last, pursuant to your instructions, notice was given "that it appeared to the General Board of Health that the existing boundary of the district of Bishop Auckland, in the county of Durham, as fixed by a Provisional Order bearing date the 24th day of January 1854, and confirmed by the Public Health Supplemental Act, 1854," should be altered."

I attended at the Shepherd's Inn within the said district on the 9th day of January 1856, at 10 a.m. in the forenoon, and there received the evidence of all persons who desired to be heard before me on the subject of the said notice.

Proof was given of the publication of the notice in the *Durham Chronicle* and the *Durham County Advertiser*, and of affixing the said notices at St. Ann's Chapel, Friends' Meeting-house, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Wesleyan Chapel, Independent and Roman Catholic Chapels; Cockton-lane, Bow's-road, Market-place, Highbond-gate, and Tenler-street.

After I had stated to the meeting the object of my visit, Mr. Thompson, Clerk to the Local Board, called my attention to the report of the Superintending Inspector, dated the 11th of April 1853, particularly to that part of it which states that, for the purposes of the Public Health Act, certain portions only of the united townships of Newgate in Auckland, the borough of Auckland, and Bond-gate in Auckland, commonly called the township of Bishop Auckland, should be adopted as the district for the purposes of the Act. It was also recommended that certain detached portions of the township of Pollard's Lands, as shown upon

the map accompanying the report, should be included in the district. In furtherance thereof a second inquiry was held, and the report published on the 14th of May 1853; and in the month of January 1854 a Provisional Order was made, and subsequently confirmed by Parliament.

From some circumstance or other, not explained, there is no mention in the Provisional Order of any of those detached portions of the township of Pollard's Lands, which the Superintending Inspector had recommended should be included in the district, the inclusion of which is essential for properly carrying out the provisions of the Act.

At the time of making the inquiry forming the subject of this report, Mr. Peacock, who is the owner of one of the seven detached portions which it is purposed to include in the district, strongly protested against the inclusion of his property (which is entirely bounded by Bishop Auckland), and urged as a reason, in support of his objection, that it would entail upon him considerable additional expense, without conferring any benefit, and that the Act was unnecessary.

Seeing that Mr. Peacock's property is situate in one of the main streets, and that there are no means of getting an outfall for the drains other than into the district of Bishop Auckland, and there being no valid reason for its exclusion, I think his request should not be complied with.

I concur in the opinion expressed by the Superintending Inspector in his report to the effect that all the detached portions of the township of Pollard's Lands which are within the dotted line, and are numbered or marked upon the plan prefixed to this report, and described in the Appendix, should be included within the district.

I therefore recommend—

That the district be extended, and that the necessary steps be taken for that purpose under the Public Health Act, 1848.

That the boundary of the district within which the Public Health Act shall be applied at Bishop Auckland be that defined by the dotted line on the plan accompanying the report on a preliminary inquiry, dated 22d Oct. 1852; and which is again set forth in the map accompanying the present report, and may be more particularly described as follows:—

Commencing at the centre of the Staindrop-road, and of a road leading from South Church and Etherley-green respectively, at their points of intersection with Cabingate, the line will follow the centre of the road running in

a westerly direction, which forms the southern boundary of Cockton-hill Farm, belonging to Richard Bowser, Esq., up to the western side of a field on the north side of the aforesaid road, marked No. 1; then along the west fence of that field, in a northerly direction; then westerly along a portion of the south fence of a field, marked No. 2, and belonging to Richard Bowser, Esq.; then northerly, along a fence which forms the western boundary of fields, marked Nos. 2, 3, and 4, up to and across the road leading from Bishop Auckland to Etherley Grange, along a fence which forms the western boundary of two fields, marked Nos. 5 and 6, and belonging to Richard Bowser, Esq., up to a fence forming the south boundary of the Auckland and Weardale Railway; thence, still in a northerly direction, across such railway, and along a fence forming the western boundary of a field, marked No. 7, belonging to the Auckland and Weardale Railway Company, and along a fence forming the west boundary of a field, marked No. 8, up to the river Wear; then along the southern bank of the river Wear, up to the point where the river Gaunless falls into the said river; then along the western bank of the river Gaunless to the south-east corner of a field adjoining the river Gaunless aforesaid, belonging to Messrs. William, Luke, and Robert Seymour, commonly called "Penny Bat Field," and marked No. 9; thence, westerly, along a fence forming the south boundary of the said field, and across a road called the South Church-lane, leading from Bishop Auckland to South Church; and along fences forming the south boundary of the fields, marked Nos. 10, 11, and 12, belonging to Richard Bowser, Esq.; and along a fence forming the south boundary of a field, marked No. 13, belonging to the Bishop of Durham; and into the road leading from Bishop Auckland to Cabin-gate; and thence, southerly, along the centre of such road to the first-mentioned point.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

W. RANGER,

Superintending Inspector.

APPENDIX.

BISHOP AUCKLAND. PROPERTY to be included in the DISTRICT, being Portions of the TOWNSHIP of POLLARD'S LANDS.

No.	Late or present Owners.	Late or present Oocupiers.	Description.
44	Thomas Peacock -	Himself - - -	Skinnerigarth.
43	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Paddock.
32	Ditto - - {	William Dobinson and	Houses.
		others - - -	
30	George Bellerby -	Ralph Cummins -	House and garden.
31	{ Margaret Lee, John	{ Robert Robson and	Cottages and gardens.
	{ Furby, and others }	{ Margaret Lee - - }	
29	Cuthbert Heron -	Himself and others -	House and garden.
27	Thomas Bowes -	John Proud - - -	House and orehard.
28	Ditto - - -	Thomas Dean - - -	Ten cottages.
23	Elizabeth Hall -	Rev. J. W. Hiek - -	House and garth.
23	Bishop of Durham -	Robert Trewhitt - -	Hedworth Close.
24	Rev. George Fielding	Himself - - - {	Parsonage-house and garden.
25	Ann Briggs - - -	Herself and another -	
26	Thomas Dawson - {	Robert Adamson and	Cottages and garden.
		others - - - }	
34	{ Thomas Peacock and	Robert Wilkinson and	Town fields.
35	{ Robert Thompson,		
36	{ Trustees of the late		
	Mrs. Wood.	John Allan - - }	
37	{ William Trotter and	William Hume, jun. -	Grass fields.
	{ John Dale Trotter }		
38	{ William Trotter,	Washington Sarah -	Close.
	{ Humble, & others. }		
39	{ William Trotter and	William Hume - - -	Grass field.
	{ John Dale Trotter }		
40	{ Auckland and Wear-	Henry Stobarts, Esq. -	Part of Snail Crofts.
	{ dale Railway Co. }		
42	{ Ditto - - - -	Themselves - - -	Railway.
41	{		

And three portions of land marked by the names of William Trotter, William Gibbon, and George Maw respectively.